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Beautiful day.

Have finished Guy de Carmoy's book on the importance of creating a Western European federation; it is an excellent work and required great courage for a functionary to criticize so frankly the institutions, habits, and shortcomings of his own people, as well as to denounce French malthusianism as a national danger.

Swam a quarter of a mile this morning and again this afternoon.

Tonight in the dining room the ordeal of tipping. In spite of the 15 percent on the bill, there was such a deal of special attention that something special had to be done.

The strikes today are so widespread that we do not know if we can get off tomorrow.

The news from Baden-Baden seems good. There is to be a conference of experts on the European Political Community Treaty commencing in September. Also, Georges Bidault will be in Bonn on Monday to lunch with Adenauer.

To the pictures tonight to see "The Mayflower", or some such title, with Spencer Tracy and Gene Tierney. Good entertainment on the subject of the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers, with the improbable incident of Mrs. Bradford, torn between love of husband and the tough ship captain (Christopher Jones), drowning herself. If she has any descendants, MGM may be in for a libel suit.

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